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SUBJ: POPCOM - 18TH SESSION

1. POPCOM, SPENDING MARCH 5 ON WPCONFERENCE, CONSIDERED SECRETARIAT PROGRESS REPORTS ON ADMIN. ARRANGEMENTS AND SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS, TOOK SEVERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS, COMPALINED ABOUT DELAYS IN BASIC CONFERENCE PAPERS AND ENDED THE DAY IN DISAGREEMENT WHEN ROMANIA REINTRODUCED ITS CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSAL THAT CONFERENCE DECISIONS BE BY CONSENSUS IF POSSIBLE.

2. FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TAKEN:

A) AUTHORIZED CONFERENCE SYG TO RECOMMEND THAT OBSERVER INVITATIONS BE ISSUED TO THE 108 NGOS WHO HAVE ASKED FOR THEM PLUS ANY OTHERS THAT DO SO BEFORE SPRING ECOSOC SESSION;

B) GAVE SIMILAR AUTHORIZATION FOR THREE NON-UN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS - THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION, CENTRAL AFRICAN CUSTOMS
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AND ECONOMIC UNION AND ORGANIZATION COMMUNE AFRICAINE,

MALGACHE ET MAURICIENNE;

C) RECOGNIZED THAT SEVERAL NEW NGOS WILL SHORTLY ACQUIRE CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND IMPLICITLY DECIDED THEY WILL BE ENTITLED TO OBSERVER INVITATIONS IF THEY DESIRE;

D) DIRECTED THE SYG TO INVITE TO THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONSULTATION MEETING MAY 29 THE COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, COUNCIL OF EUROPE, OECD AND COMMON MARKET -- THOSE REGULARLY ATTENDING ECE MEETINGS AS OBSERVERS.

3. GENERAL UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED ON FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

A) THE REAPPORTEUR'S REPORT OF THE LAST STATUS OF WOMEN'S COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE A CONFERENCE BACKGROUND DOCUMENT AND DOCUMENTS OF RECENT WOMEN'S FORUM ON POP. AND DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE CONFERENCE;

B) THE WOMEN'S PROPOSALS TO INCLUDE IN THE WPPA STRONGER PROVISIONS ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE NEXT DRAFT. CARRILLO FLORES SUGGESTING THAT REFERENCE TO THE PROGRAM OF CONCERTED ACTION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT IN THE LIST OF WORLD STRATEGIES OF WHICH THE WPPA IS AN INTEGRAL PART.

4. SWEDISH REP THORSEN, SECONDED BY US AND ECHOED BY UK, EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN AT DELAYS IN PRODUCING CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOE ON FIRST FOUR AGENDA ITEMS. SHE INSISTED THAT UNDER ECOSOC RES. 1672 CONFERENCE PREPS ARE POPCOM'S RESPONSIBILITY (EXCEPT FOR WPPA) AND THAT IT CAN'T BE DISCHARGED WITHOUT PASSING ON THE UNAVAILABLE DOCUMENTS. THIS PROVOKED DEFENSIVE RESPONSE BY SECRETARIAT AND CARRILLO FLORES, POINTING OUT, WITH SOME CONCEALED IRRITATION, THAT THEY HAD DONE BEST THEY COULD, THAT DOCUMENT SITUATION BETTER THAN PAINTED, THAT COMMISSION HAS ENOUGH TO WORK ON AND SHOULDN'T APPROVE DOCUMENTS TEXTS ANYWAY SINCE THIS UP TO SECRETARIAT. 90 DAY RULE WILL BE MET SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, SAID CARRILLO, UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH A SEVEN WEEK DEADLINE FOR THE REST. RESPONDING TO QUESTION BY US CARRILLO SAID FINAL DRAFT OF WPPA WOULD BE READY FOR WALDHEIM'S APPROVAL "SOMETIME IN JUNE", FOLLOWING REGIONAL MEETINGS.

5. REPORTS ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE NGO TRIBUNE AND YOUTH CONFERENCE WERE MADE BY TRIBUNE CHAIRMAN, ROSALIND HARRIS AND YOUTH CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMM, CHAIRMAN, DESSANAYAKE,

AND ON OTHER PARALLEL ACTIVITIES BY SECRETARIAT.
MAJOR PROBLEM FOR YOUTH CONFERENCE IS MONEY WITH ONLY
30 PERCENT OF BUDGET RAISED. MEXICO OBSERVER ANNOUNCED
PLEDGE OF \$10,000 AND FRG OBSERVER SAID HIS GOVT.
CONSIDERING 50,000 DM. DESSANAYAKE AND NATIONAL POPCOMS
HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE ASKED TO PROPOSE CANDIDATES AND
INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS ALSO RECEIVED. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
WILL SELECT 200 UNDER 30 YEARS OLD AND WITH POP EXPERIENCE.

6. STIMULATED BY BRAZIL, ROMANIAN DEL REINTRODUCED ITS IDEA
OF CONSENSUS AT WPC (REJECTED AT PREVIOUS MEETING
9-12-3) BY PROPOSING TO ADD TO RULE 30 (2/3 VOTE FOR SUBSTANTIVE
MATTERS): ". . . ALTHOUGH CHAIRMAN MAY RECOMMEND THAT
DECISIONS ON IMPORTANT MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE BE TAKEN IF
POSSIBLE BY CONSENSUS." BRAZIL, FRANCE AND (WEEKLY)
ECUADOR SUPPORTED. SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS, DENMARK, UK,
PHILIPPINES AND US OPPOSED POINTING OUT THAT "CONSENSUS"
HAS NOT BEEN DEFINED AND SUCH A RULE HAS NEVER BEEN ADOPTED
FOR ANY CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH EFFORTS USUALLY MADE TO REACH
IT AND WOULD ALSO BE MADE AT WPC. FURTHER CONSIDERATION
POSTPONED TO MARCH 6, PENDING SUBMISSION OF
AMENDMENT IN WRITING.
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